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## Europe Meets the Americas: Practical examination of the potential of Aruba as a hub of commerce



**Jose Maria Figueres**

The inaugural Europe Meets the Americas Conference closed three days of sessions on Wednesday, May 8, with one-on-one business meetings and the signing of an important contract establishing Bio Fuels Aruba. Several MOU's were

also signed, initiating, among them, urban development for Aruba, converting the island to using LNG over oil for energy, and the plans to establish the Bill Marriott Institute of Tourism Studies.

The first day featured an illustrious roster of speakers including Prime Minister Mike Eman, who outlined his vision for Aruba as a hub for commerce between Europe and Latin America, and sharing the resulting benefits of advanced technology with all the island nations in the region.

The conference also welcomed guest speakers Jose

Maria Figueres, former President of Costa Rica and now President of the Carbon War Room followed by Javier Gamboa, Chief Trade Negotiator for the Colombian Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism. Their presentations examined the "Opportunities Triangle between Latin America, Aruba and Europe."

Mr. Figueres was the first CEO of the World Economic Forum and has long been involved with developing business models for governments emphasizing sustainability and human development as key factors. The Carbon War Room implements "entrepreneurial, market-driven solutions to reduce carbon emissions at the gigatonne level and mitigate climate change." He had spoken previously at the Aruba Green Energy Conference of 2012, affirming the commitment of The Carbon War Room in assisting Aruba in achieving 100 percent sustainability for the year 2020.

"When it comes to thought leadership," began Figueres, "this place is big. So a more appropriate opening would be 'welcome to the continent of Aruba, that is 35 kilometers north of the other continent of Latin America. For a world that is short on vision and leadership, Aruba is long on both. Europe Meets the Americas is not only a wonderful, but feasible and doable concept."

"I also come from a small nation...in today's world, with all the changes...small countries and large countries, but particularly small nations that do not have a strategy to extract value out of globalization, are countries in which globalization is going to extract everything and leave nothing. The articulation of a strategy for Aruba, as it moves forward, is a primordial interest."

"Aruba is now putting forward the concept...inviting all of us to participate in the overarching principal of organizing development along the lines of what has been called a "Green Gateway."

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## Aruba's Blood Bank puts out a call for donors



**Dr Ashley Duits and Raymond Maxwell, Jenneve Russell and Jacqueline Semeleer**

ORANJESTAD -- Team members of Aruba's Blood Bank, working out of the Dr. Horacio E. Oduber Hospital, welcomed media to the facility on Wednesday, May 8, to unveil their new logo and an attrac-

tive and informative new website and Facebook page.

Both sites have been established with the aim to encourage the community to come forward as regular blood donors. Presently, the Blood Bank has just over 1300 registered donors. The current campaign "Every drop Counts!" is geared to comply with the World Health Organizations guidelines of blood banks having a list of regular donors that equals 5 percent of the population. For Aruba, that would be 3000 donors, not factoring the visiting tourist population.



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## Special Olympics Awareness this weekend!

## A very special welcome for dance group D'Art of Curacao



May is Special Olympics Awareness Month, and Aruba's Special Olympics Committee has organized a landmark program taking place this weekend at the Cas di Cultura, to commemorate the advent of

this important occasion for Aruba's special people.

After months of training, Aruba's special athletes will be performing on Saturday and Sunday, May 11 and 12. The show will be a lively selection

of musical and dancing skits.

Volunteers involved in putting on the show plus Special Olympics Committee President Arturo Werleman welcomed special guest performers from Curacao, the popular dance

group D'Art, who are donating their talents to the fund and awareness raising program. Together they enjoyed a delectable holiday breakfast at the Epilicious Dining Room in the EPI Culinary School.

80 singers and dancers from Aruba, clients of the Foundation for the Mentally Challenged make up the performing group "Nos Por" which well-known dancer and choreographer Carol Pesqueira has

volunteered to train for the upcoming show. There are still tickets left for Sunday's matinee, beginning at 4:00 PM; ideal way to surprise island mothers on their special day, while demonstrating support for a worthy cause.

Photos above show, at left the d'Arte of Curacao and at right Special Olympics show volunteers welcome performers.

Rosalie Klein

Government of Aruba and Marriott International support

## Aruba's Management Institute for Sustainable Tourism and Economic Resilience

The universities of Aruba and South Carolina and The Hague Hogeschool, with the support of the Government of Aruba and Marriott International, announce the establishment of

MISTER - The Management Institute for Sustainable Tourism and Economic Resilience.

MISTER's aim is to position Aruba as the 'tourism gateway' for the Americas, thereby

exploiting Aruba's tourism assets as a 'knowledge destination', i.e., a regional center and knowledge-based hub of excellence for executive training, research and consulting in tourism development, focused on enhancing and improving the quality, competitiveness and sustainability of economies in the Americas.

According to the Executive Chairman of Marriott International, Mr. Bill Marriott: "With Aruba's robust tourism industry and focus on developing the island's knowledge-based economy, Marriott is excited to collaborate with the government to develop a tourism institute that will be a magnet for young people hoping to pursue careers in the growing Caribbean and Latin America tourism economy"

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- Thursday, May 9, 2013
- Friday, May 10, 2013

**Saturday, May 11:** The Teleshops at Irawasquin Plein, San Nicolas, Palm Beach and Santa Cruz will be open as usual, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; SETAR Store will be open from 10:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

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## The 2013 Land Tax collection forms have been issued

ORANJESTAD -- The Tax Bureau has issued a bulletin informing the general public that the 2013 Land Tax collection forms have been issued and mailed to all citizens in the possession of land.

This year the forms are sent out 2 months earlier than in previous years. The published date is May 27th, 2013. In this manner the Bureau is affording all clients the opportunity to have some more time to make their payments.

The forms have been sent through the local post office.

As is customary, a client can choose to pay his Land Tax in one payment or in increments. The Bureau advises all clients to pay careful attention to the note written on the forms.

### Did not receive a bill?

By the 27th of May, every client should have received their collection bill. In the event no bill was received, the client must contact the main office as soon as possible and request a duplicate form. The person requesting a duplicate must identify himself by a passport, driver's license or the Aruba I.D.

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|                |               | 25% of remaining collectable  |
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By December 31st, 2013, all payments must have been settled.

### Payment Arrangement:

The client who cannot make the payments within the legal terms can request a special payment arrangement. This petition must be made as soon as possible. In this manner the client will avoid severe measures which may also incur additional charges to the client.

For more information regarding the collection process please consult the bureau at the main office in Camacuri or the Government's office in San Nicolas.

## For Mother's Day Give Mama a present from the Fruit and Horticulture sector of Santa Rosa



PIEDRA PLAT -- Mother's Day is a celebration of motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. The Aruba Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries joins in this celebration with a perfect gift for Mama. The Fruit and Horticulture sector has fruit and vegetable trees, an ideal gift that will keep on giving for years to come.

Santa Rosa has various fruit trees, among them, orange, yellow cashew, sea grape, Suriname grape, pomegranate, kenepa, lime, Mandarin orange, macaprium (Caribbean plums), mango, passion fruit, papaya, sour sap, sugar apple, fig, tamarind and shimaruku. These fruit trees will surely yield a continuing



bounty for Mama to enjoy the whole year long in shakes, salads, cakes or as fresh, healthy snacks.

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## A Santa Rosa present for Mama

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Another very innovative gift is seeds and/or compost. Mom will enjoy herself planting seeds and taking care of her plants, watching them grow and get strong every day. Santa Rosa has a large assortment of seeds, including tomato and cucumber, and informative flyers guiding plant lovers on how to cultivate a garden that feeds the family.

International studies, including one at the Norwegian University of Agriculture, indicate that planting, even in a small scale, is very beneficial to a person's health. It can lower blood pressure, anxiety, fatigue and headache.

So this Sunday, do not hesitate, give Mom a beautiful gift she can enjoy, admire and benefit from for many years.

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## Aruba's Blood Bank puts out a call ...

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**Hospital Directors and Bloodbank team**

Blood Bank Director Professor Dr. Ashley Duits and BB Manager Aixa Arana-De Veer explained the circumstance, and the drive to see at the very least 500 new donors a month register over the coming quarter. An individual can donate a pint of blood every three months. Freshly stocked blood must be used within 35 days; Blood Bank Coordinator Raymond Maxwell confirmed most blood donated within Aruba is used within two weeks.

"Every blood type is needed and welcome," explained Dr. Duits. However, those with O blood type, the universal donor, are especially encouraged to participate in the pro-

gram. Upon registering, blood samples will be taken from potential donors for a thorough screening process, which takes two months, then new donors will be contacted to arrange a schedule of appointments. There are certain age restrictions; they are seeking donors between the ages of 18 and 65, though individuals over 65 who are in good health do donate regularly and are welcome. People with diabetes who must use insulin daily are also unable to be donors.

Unlike a number of other countries, Aruba requires blood donors on a strictly volunteer basis; donors should not expect remuneration, it is re-

quested they do it for the good of the community. "Giving blood gives one the power to save a life," stated Mr. Maxwell, "perhaps even your own." He recounted having to give blood to one donor less than a day after receiving it, when they were hospitalized after having had an accident.

Aruba Blood Bank's new website is [www.bloedbankaruba.aw](http://www.bloedbankaruba.aw) and their Facebook page is Stichting Bloedbank Aruba. The webpage has online forms for donors to register and arrange an appointment for testing.

**Rosalie Klein**



## Minister of Labor meets with Colombian Mayor

ORANJESTAD -- During the recent Europe Meets the Americas' Conference, Aruba Minister of Labor Otmar Oduber met with Municipal Mayor of Villa de Leyva, Boyaca, Colombia, and Mr. Fabial Camilo Igua Robles. ATIA president, Ronald van Trigt, was the contact person who made the very successful meeting possible. The main focus of the meeting was agriculture and tourism. Boyaca is a Department of Colombia which produces a great deal of produce consumed in Bogota.

Mayor of Villa de Leyva expressed the desire to meet with Minister Oduber when next he is in Colombia, as well as to meet with the governor of Boyaca to explore the possibility for an agreement of cooperation on agriculture.

Villa de Leyva is also a very important touristic city in Colombia and Mayor Igua Robles would also like to explore the possibility for an agreement of cooperation with Aruba on the tourism front.

Minister Oduber showed great interest and a disposition to explore these possibilities which may be beneficial for both parties. They agreed to meet later in June with the governor of Boyaca and also other dignitaries. They will also approach the Minister of Tourism of Colombia to see if they can agree on a tourism cooperation. Everything has been put in motion for early contacts with Colombian officials for potential agreements with Colombia on these two fronts, agriculture and tourism.

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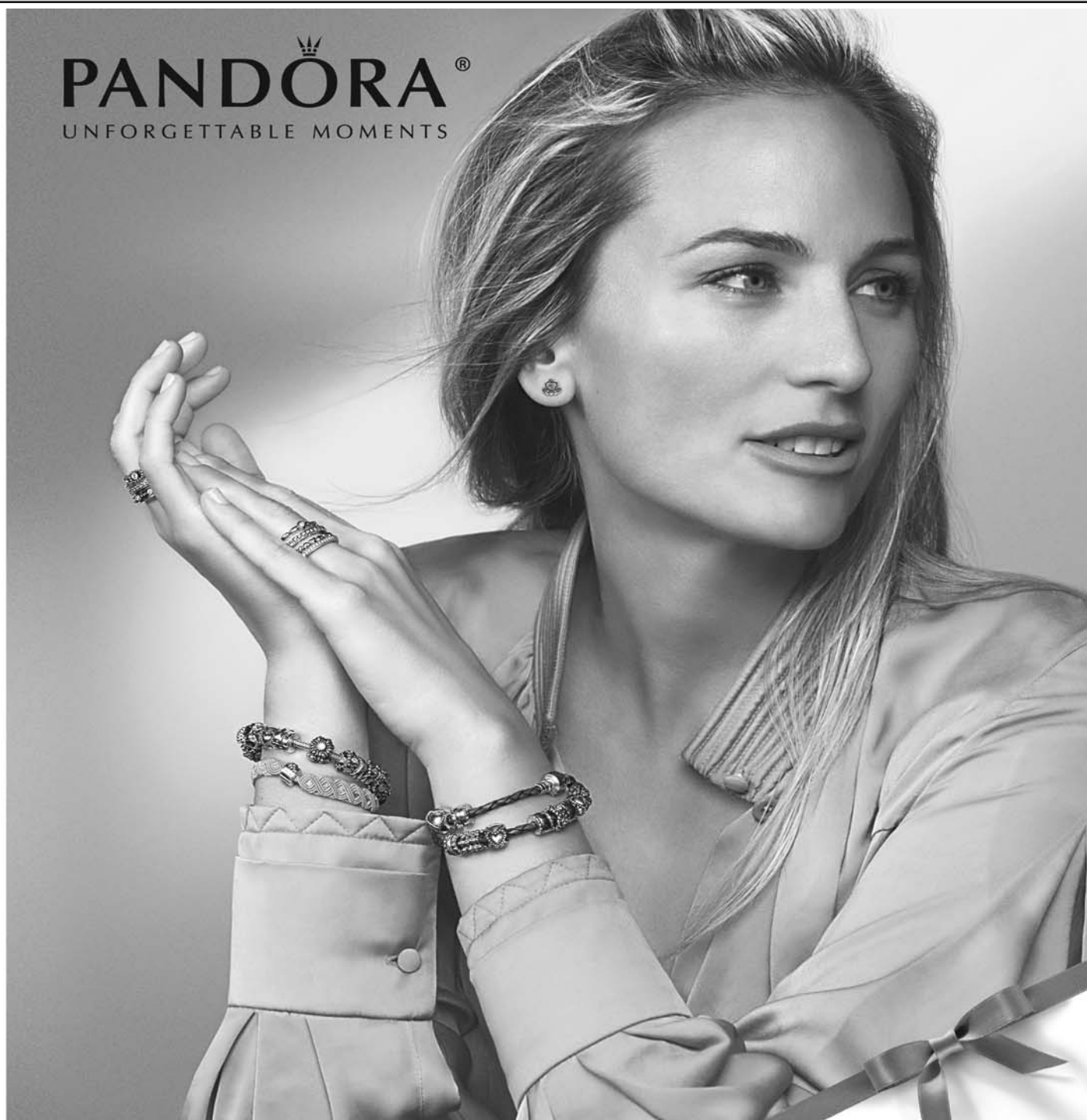
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## US: Cyber bank robbers stole \$45 million

NEW YORK (AFP) - Cyber thieves around the world stole \$45 million by hacking into debit card companies, scraping withdrawal limits and helping themselves from cash machines, US authorities said yesterday.

The massive heist unfolded "in a matter of hours," said the US prosecutor's office for Brooklyn, New York.

Prosecutors unveiled charges against eight people accused of forming the New York cell of the plot, which stretched across 26 countries. In their case, they allegedly

lifted \$2.8 million in cash and now face charges of conspiracy to commit access device fraud and money laundering.

Seven of the eight have been arrested, the US attorney's office said. The eighth, Alberto Yusi Lajud-Pena, who was the leader and was nicknamed "Prime" and "Albertico," is reported to have been murdered two weeks ago, the office said.

"The defendants and their co-conspirators participated in a massive 21st century bank heist that reached across the Internet and stretched around the globe," US Attorney Loretta

Lynch said in a statement.

"In the place of guns and masks, this cybercrime organization used laptops and the Internet."

The type of heist is known to criminals as an "unlimited operation" and two were allegedly carried out: first on December 22 last year and again on February 19-20 this year.

In the initial stage, taking several months, sophisticated hackers allegedly infiltrated credit card processors' computer networks, looking into databases of prepaid debit cards, a tool used often by em-

ployers and aid organizations.

Breaking into the system, the hackers eliminated withdrawal limits imposed by banks.

Next, the hackers cybergang distributed the debit card numbers to its street associates called "cashers," who loaded other magnetic stripe cards, like gift cards, with the stolen data.

Finally, the cashers were given stolen PIN numbers and sent to harvest the loot, going from ATM to ATM and withdrawing as much as cash as they could for the organization.



## International news

### Prosecutor mulls death penalty in US kidnap case

CLEVELAND (AFP) - A US prosecutor yesterday accused the Ohio man charged with kidnapping and raping three women of violently terminating their pregnancies, and warned he may seek the death penalty.

"I fully intend to seek charges for each and every act of sexual violence, rape, each day of kidnapping, every felonious assault, all his attempted murders, and each act of aggravated murder he committed by terminating pregnancies that the offender perpetuated against the hostages during this decade-long ordeal," Cuyahoga County prosecutor Timothy McGinty said.

"My office will also engage in a formal process in which we evaluate to seek

charges eligible for the death penalty," he said.

"The reality is we still have brutal criminals in our midst who have no respect for the rule of law or human life. The law of Ohio calls for the death penalty for those most depraved criminals who commit aggravated murder during the course of a kidnapping."

Earlier in the day, 52-year-old unemployed bus driver Ariel Castro was jailed on a \$8 million bond after he was charged with the kidnap and rape of three Cleveland women and with kidnapping the child of one of the victims.

In his first court appearance since the revelation of a crime that has shocked and disgusted a nation, the 52-

year-old suspect did not enter a plea and was sent to county jail, where he is expected to be put on suicide watch.

But McGinty said that as investigators are able to question the women more fully and examine the scene of the alleged crimes, a nondescript home in a working class neighborhood, he expected more serious charges would be filed.

He dubbed the house a "torture chamber and private prison in the heart of our city" and declared that "the horrific brutality and torture that the victims endured for a decade is beyond comprehension."

"It is my duty to pursue justice that is swift, relentless and fair," McGinty said.



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### US places sanctions on Iran-Venezuela bank

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US Treasury Department announced yesterday sanctions on a former Iranian-Venezuelan bank it said is being used to avoid restrictions placed earlier on other Iranian institutions.

The US Treasury said that the Tehran-based Iranian Venezuelan Bi-National Bank (IVB) was providing financial services to the Iranian Ministry

of Defense and acting on behalf of the Export Development Bank of Iran.

Both the ministry and the EDBI are already under US sanctions for alleged support of terrorism and backing Iran's suspected effort to develop nuclear weapons.

The Treasury said the IVB had handled money transfers on EDBI's behalf with a Chinese bank, Bank of Kunlun, itself also blacklisted by the Treasury for its dealings with Tehran.

### Boston police chief not warned about Tsarnaevs

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Boston's top cop said yesterday his department was not briefed on a Russian intelligence warning about alleged bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev ahead of last month's devastating marathon blasts.

Russian authorities had alerted the FBI in 2011 that Tsarnaev may have been radicalized. And federal authorities in Washington were also aware of his travels to Dagestan last year, perhaps to join underground groups.

In the first congressional hearing into the deadly double bombing, lawmakers expressed outrage, particularly at a lack of intelligence sharing that left Boston officials in the dark about potential terror threats.

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## Slain Boston bomber suspect 'entombed': police

NEW YORK (AFP) - Slain Boston Marathon bomber suspect Tamerlan Tsarnaev has finally been buried, ending a growing row over what to do with his body, police in the Massachusetts town of Worcester said Thursday.

"As a result of our public appeal for help, a courageous and compassionate individual came forward to provide the assistance needed to properly bury the deceased," the police department said on its website.

"His body is no longer in the City of Worcester and is now entombed," the statement said.

Tsarnaev, 26, died in a gun battle with police three days after the April 15 bombings that killed three people and injured more than 260 at the marathon finish line.

He was killed by bullets and blunt trauma, according to the medical report, and was apparently hit by the car driven by his younger brother Dzhokhar, who is being detained in a prison hospital with gunshot wounds.

Ever since the bloody denouement of the Boston bomb plot, the body of the once promising amateur boxer had been in limbo at a funeral home.

Cemeteries refused to accept him and municipal officials in the Boston area declined to intervene, while protesters besieging the funeral home demanded Tsarnaev's corpse be sent back to his home province of Dagestan in Russia's troubled, mostly Muslim Caucasus region.

However, an uncle living in the United States said that Tsarnaev should be laid to rest in what had become his true home in Boston, leading to an increasingly ugly impasse.

On Wednesday, Worcester Police Chief Gary Gemme pleaded for a resolution, saying: "We are not barbarians. We bury the dead."

But Boston Mayor Thomas Menino said he didn't want Tsarnaev buried there. This was echoed by the city manager in Cambridge, where Tsarnaev had last lived, citing fears of "turmoil, protests and widespread media presence at such an interment."

In their statement Thursday, Worcester police did not identify the person who finally solved the standoff and held off from giving the location of the grave.

Investigators believe that the Tsarnaev brothers were motivated by radical Islamist ideology when they bombed the marathon.

Their family originates from Chechnya, where tens of thousands of civilians have died during Russia's attempt over the last two decades to put down an armed rebellion with carpet bombing and allegedly widespread massacres and use of torture.

However, there has been no concrete evidence so far that the brothers acted as part of a wider conspiracy or in concert with militant groups abroad.

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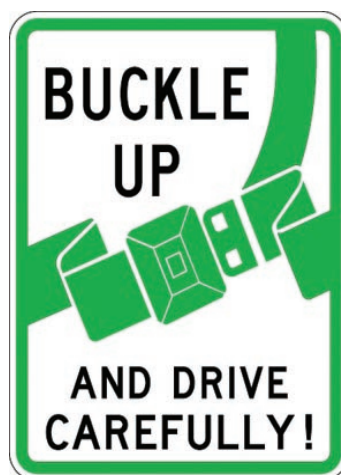


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## Health

### Study shows that adventure shapes the individual

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The act of exploring helps shape the brain and adventuring is what makes each individual different, according to a study out Thursday by researchers in Germany.

The findings published in the US journal *Science* may offer new paths to treating psychiatric diseases, scientists said.

Researchers sought to pin down why identical twins are not perfect replicas of each other, even when they have been raised in the same environment, and studied the matter using 40 genetically identical mice.

The mice were kept in an elaborate, five-level cage connected by glass chutes and

filled with toys, scaffolds, wooden flower pots, nesting places and more. The space available to explore spanned about five square meters (yards).

Even though the mice were genetically the same, and the environment they were kept in was also the same, they showed individually different levels of activity. Some explored a lot, some did not.

And by fitting them with a special micro-chip that emitted electromagnetic signals, scientists could track how much the mice moved around and quantify their exploratory behavior.

"Over time, the animals therefore increasingly differed in their realm of experience and behavior," said Kempermann. Over the course of three months, they developed very different personalities.

Researchers found that the brains of the most explorative mice were building more new neurons -- a process known as neurogenesis -- in the hippocampus, the center for learning and memory, than the animals that were more passive.

Control mice kept in a less enriching environment showed less brain growth.

Kempermann and col-

leagues said they have shown for the first time how personal experiences and ensuing behavior contribute to individualization, and that neither genetics nor environment alone could cause this personal growth.

The findings offer new understanding of how the brain works, and could shed light on the processes of learning and aging, said Ulman Lindenberger, director of the Center for Lifespan Psychology at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development in Berlin.

### Bacterial infection breaks mosquito malaria chain

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US scientists have found a way to infect mosquitoes with bacteria in order to break the chain of malaria transmission, according to research published Thursday in a leading scientific journal.

A similar approach has helped cut back on dengue in some locations, and researchers hope that the findings could offer a path toward reducing malaria among the

most common mosquitoes in the Middle East and South Asia.

The bacterial infection is inheritable and could be passed on for as many as 34 generations of mosquitoes, rendering them immune to malaria parasites.

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based in Bagheria near Palermo, which was targeted in an operation also on Wednesday.

The operation, dubbed "Argo", was carried out jointly by Italian and Canadian police.

The bodies were riddled with around 30 gunshots.

The Carabinieri police said two mafia "men of honour", the Bagheria-born Scaduto brothers, had already been arrested as suspects in the murders and said they were searching for others in the case.

Police think the order to kill Fernandez and Pimentel had come from Canada and was part of a turf war between two rival mafia bosses in Canada -- the Vito Rizzuto mafia family and a new rebel faction led by Quebecois Raynald Desjardin.

Fernandez -- an alleged member of the Toronto-based Rizzuto family -- was deported from Canada and moved to Bagheria after serving a 10-year prison sentence for extortion, drug trafficking and illegal possession of firearms.

Pimentel was also involved in organised crime in Toronto and had arrived in Sicily in March.

Their bodies were found near a farmhouse outside the town of Casteldaccia near Bagheria.

The ANSA news agency said police were tipped off to the location by an anonymous phone-call.

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## Prosecutors file corruption charges against Berlusconi

ROME (AFP) - Italian prosecutors on Thursday filed charges against former prime minister Silvio Berlusconi for allegedly bribing a left-wing senator 3.0 million euros (\$3.9 million) to join his party.

The announcement from the prosecutor's office in Naples comes a day after a Milan court upheld Berlusconi's conviction in a separate case of tax fraud linked to his Mediaset business empire.

Wednesday's ruling confirmed a sentence of four years in prison against Berlusconi and a three-year

amnesty, leaving a one-year prison sentence which is suspended pending an appeal.

Prosecutors on Thursday alleged the media baron paid off senator Sergio De Gregorio after elections in 2006 won by a centre-left coalition led by Romano Prodi by just a handful of votes.

A few months later, De Gregorio crossed the aisle and joined the Berlusconi opposition in a move that helped bring down Prodi in 2008.

The subsequent elections were won handily by Berlusconi.

The investigation is based

in Naples since that was De Gregorio's seat.

There will now have to be an indictment hearing to decide whether or not to implement the charges and begin a new trial against Berlusconi.

The scandal-tainted Berlusconi, 76, has been a defendant in multiple court cases in his two decades in politics and has two convictions.

He is also a defendant in a trial in which he is accused of paying for sex with an under-age 17-year-old prostitute while he was prime minister and for abusing the powers of his office.

## Lightning strike hurts 39 at Father's Day party in Germany

FRANKFURT (AFP) - Lightning struck a large group celebrating Father's Day in Germany on Thursday, injuring 39 people, eight seriously, police said.

A police spokesman said the injuries were not life-threatening, however.

Lightning struck several trees, then an electrical box at 1:00pm local time near a lake in Dabel, some 70 kilometres (43 miles) from Germany's north coast.

Emergency services including several helicopters rushed

to the scene and treated the injured for shock or burns.

Around 500 people had gathered at the lake to celebrate Father's Day in Germany, traditionally celebrated on Ascension Day.

In Germany, groups of men tend to celebrate Father's Day together, often with the help of several beers.

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## US Senate opens debate on immigration reform

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A US Senate committee opened debate Thursday on an immigration reform bill backed by President Barack Obama, which would lead to legal status for millions of people in the country without papers.

The debate could last weeks before moving to a second stage on the Senate floor, where Democrats hold a slender majority.

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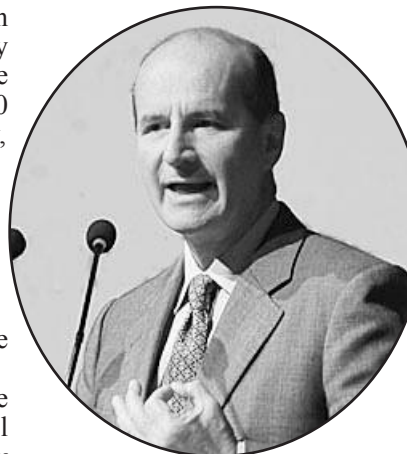
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This is not only how Aruba can lead us, but a Green Gateway is what the world needs as we transition from the last 200 years of economic activity, which started with the steam engine and the Industrial Revolution, but is now running out of steam, and needs a transition to a low-carbon economy. That is the future; that is what is going to create the jobs and opportunities."

Mr. Figueres offered some examples of the fields that will be positively impacted by green practices. Shipping is an area where some progress has already been made. The amount of emissions being emitted by all the ships at sea is an amount that would place it #6 on the list of worst offenders, if they were a country. Now, most ships going into dry dock for standard maintenance are being refitted to work more efficiently, using 20-30 percent less fuel and reducing emissions equally. He described this as the "low hanging fruit" which can easily be implemented to move into a low-carbon economy.

Small nations, like Aruba, can be part of the "Smart Island Economies Operation," transitioning to "an end goal of being off fossil fuels." He cited there are many opportunities for the private sector of Aruba within that context. Observing the types of projects for which Aruba is seeking support and financing, is a measure of the administration's seriousness in being a green economy.

"20-25 percent of consumption can be reduced by an attitude and change in behaviors



at the household level, and equivalent savings," he asserted. Measures taken by the Aruban government to encourage consumers to set up renewable energy sources for their homes, as well as the major projects initiated for wind and solar energy, sets the island "on a major path to sustainability on an energy level."

On the small island of Aruba, motorists drive an average of 10,000 kilometers a year, which is excessive. "This takes us to the area of urban planning...In this world, smaller is also beautiful... when it comes to bringing all these changes to the forefront, and being able to act on them...A Green Gateway is also a great gateway into this additional competitive cluster of Europe Meets America, and I see that from a Latin American perspective, as a tremendous opportunity."

He cited the fact that Aruba already has a pre-clearance facility for travelers from the U.S. "Imagine the innovation... of a pre-clearance of merchandise and goods between Europe and Latin America... Information flows and finances to aid and help and the exchange of trade, would go a long way towards a consolida-

tion of this hub. New clusters of competitiveness' would be terrific add-on to what has already been done would be another way."

Figures also suggested Health Tourism could be quite feasible for Aruba, particularly for elective, non-essential procedures. "There is a possibility here to create such a hub of excellence." Another suggested competitive cluster where Aruba has an important advantage is in education. The Erasmus Program for students in Europe allows them to travel, spend a year abroad during their tenure in school. Aruba could participate in this program, as well as with U.S. schools, could result in 40 to 50 thousand students a year proving additional income to island families by renting rooms or small apartments, aside from the generating increased business to restaurants, shops and markets.

"When we power that up with renewable energies, the direction in which Aruba is moving, and we have a vision that shows a way of where we want to go, Aruba can effectively be a leader in the transformation, not only to a low-carbon economy, but to better and more meaningful livelihoods," he concluded. "At the end of the day, this is not only about numbers, or only creating jobs or opportunities, or establishing Aruba as a thought leader it already is, in a world that needs clarity, with respect to hope, the future, and even optimism. It is about the livelihoods we create, the families of today and the future, and what we leave to the next generations."

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## 5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



--A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an inter-

nationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy,

made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$4.49, (\$5.48, with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, again, with free refills on fresh coffee. Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda,



Farmer's or Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of

fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

## Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by



the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facili-

ties such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the

least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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## Jackson estate blasts child sex 'monster' lawsuit

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Michael Jackson's estate has slammed a new lawsuit filed in Los Angeles claiming that the late King of Pop, who died in 2009, was a "monster" and child molester.

Australian choreographer Wade Robson has filed a claim alleging "childhood sexual abuse," despite testifying at a 2005 molestation trial that the star never touched him, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Lawyers for Robson, who stayed at the singer's Neverland Ranch as a teenager, filed the lawsuit on May 1 asking an LA judge to let him make a late claim as creditor in Jackson's estate, it said.

"Michael Jackson was a monster and in their hearts every normal person knows it," Robson lawyer Henry Gradstein told AFP in a statement claiming Robson had a breakdown last year.

Jackson, dogged for years by child molestation charges, was acquitted after a high-profile trial in 2005. But his career never recovered, and he died in 2009 while rehearsing for a doomed comeback tour.

Gradstein cited Jackson as having told the young Robson: "If anyone ever finds out about what we did, we will go to jail for the rest of our lives" and "our lives will be ruined forever."

Howard Weitzman, a lawyer for Jackson's estate, called Robson's claim "outrageous and pathetic."

Robson's lawyer said the lawsuit was filed "under seal" -- meaning details are not revealed.



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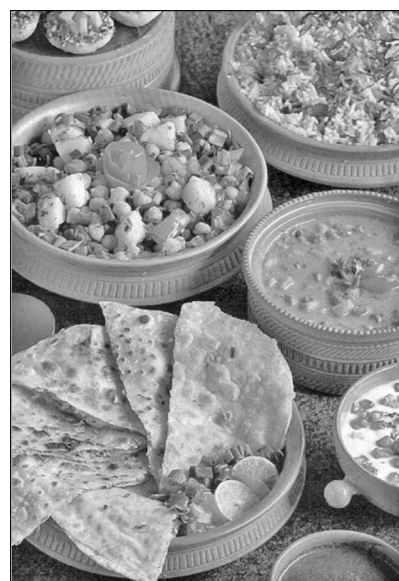
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## Brazil in talks with Havana to hire 6,000 Cuban doctors

BRASILIA (AFP) - Brazil said it was negotiating with Havana potentially to hire and bring in around 6,000 Cuban doctors to work in areas where they are needed in the massive South American nation.

The Brazilian Foreign Minister Antonio Patriota said after meeting with his Cuban counterpart Bruno Rodriguez said that the estimated 6,000 Cuban health professionals would be deployed in areas where there is a shortage of

medical facilities.

Income from Cuban medical staff working overseas, particularly in Venezuela, is a key source of hard currency for the Americas' only Communist-ruled nation.

Indeed Cuba's official top export is the \$6 billion a year Havana gets from Caracas for Cuban doctors' services in Venezuela.

Brazil, the world's seventh largest economy which is enjoying virtually full employ-

ment despite sluggish economic growth, has been facing a shortage of skilled labor, particularly engineers and doctors.

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## SPORTS

### Tennis: Federer ousted by Nishikori in Madrid, Nadal cruises

MADRID (AFP) - Defending champion Roger Federer was dumped out of the Madrid Masters on Thursday by world number 14 Kei Nishikori as the Japanese came through 6-4, 1-6, 6-3 in their third round clash.

Second seed Federer, who had just returned to the tour after a two-month break, joins world number one Novak Djokovic in being eliminated early in the Spanish capital and his lack of match practice showed.

One break was enough for Nishikori to take the opening set 6-4, but Federer roared back in the second to take it 6-1.

However, with the momentum seeming to be with the 17-time Grand Slam champion, it was Nishikori who edged ahead when he broke to move 3-1 in the third.

And after comfortably holding serve in his next two service games, the 23-year-old broke again to seal a first career win over Federer.

"He was my idol actually, so to beat him, that was one of my goals for my tennis career," Nishikori told a press conference.

Three-time champion Federer, who beat Nishikori in straight sets in their only other previous clash in Basel in 2011, admitted Nishikori was a deserving winner.

"I'm disappointed with my match. Today Nishikori played better and the best man won," said Federer.

Rafael Nadal eased into the last eight with a 6-2, 6-3 win over Mikhail Youzhny and will next face either Tommy Haas of Germany or Spanish compatriot David Ferrer.

The 26-year-old Nadal now stands at 28-2 on the season as he looks to reach his seventh

final since his comeback from a seven-month injury lay-off in February.

Sixth seed Tomas Berdych also progressed into the quarter-finals as he won the battle of the big servers against Kevin Anderson 7-6 (7/5), 7-5, whilst seventh seed Jo-Wilfried Tsonga needed three sets to beat local favourite Fernando Verdasco 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

On the women's side, world number one Serena Williams eased into the last eight as she dismantled 13th seed Maria Kirilenko 6-3, 6-1 in just an hour and four minutes.

### NBA: Thompson shines as Warriors sink Spurs

SAN ANTONIO (AFP) - Klay Thompson drained eight-of-nine from beyond the arc and Stephen Curry scored 22 points as the Golden State Warriors beat San Antonio 100-91 in game two of their second round playoff series.

Thompson, who finished just one three pointer shy of the NBA playoff record, had 34 points and 14 rebounds for the Warriors on Wednesday at AT&T Center arena.

Golden State held on for the victory to even the series 1-1 after the Spurs cut into their 20-point third quarter lead by storming back in the fourth.

Thompson wasn't just an offensive force as he also did a superb job of shutting down Spurs star Tony Parker.



The Warriors had lost 30 consecutive games in San Antonio dating back to February 1997, including game one's double-overtime thriller, which saw the Spurs come back from 16 points down over the final four minutes of the fourth.

On Wednesday, San Antonio pulled within six down the stretch, but missed six consecutive shots to fall short.

Tim Duncan scored a team-high 23 points, while Parker added 20 in the loss.

Game three is scheduled for today at Oracle Arena, where Golden State won both meetings during the regular season.

Curry, who made the cover of this week's Sports Illustrated magazine, was also hitting his shots. Heading into Wednesday's game, Curry led the NBA playoffs in assists with an average of 9.6 per game and was third best in points at 27.1 per game behind only Carmelo Anthony and Kevin Durant.

Thompson and Curry carried the Warriors on their backs in the first half. He and Curry combined for 23 points in the first quarter, matching the Spurs' total en route to a 28-23 Warrior lead.

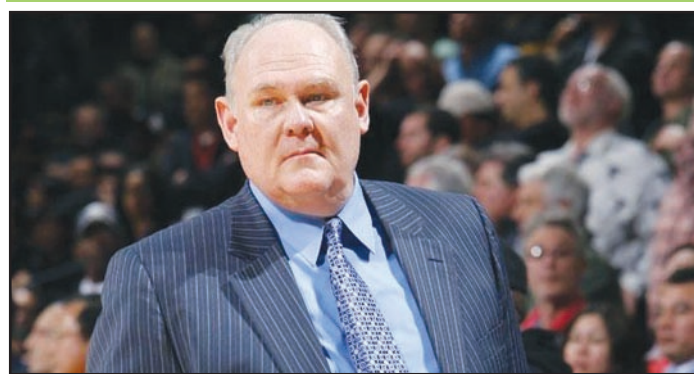
He nailed two three pointers to close the first half and give Golden State a 62-43 lead going into the third. His three-point barrage came as a bit of surprise considering Thompson had missed 11 consecutive threes heading into game two.

"We didn't shoot it very well when we were open," head coach Gregg Popovich said of the Spurs who shot just 39 percent from the field.

Manu Ginobili was the double overtime hero in game one for the Spurs but he finished with just 12 points and went one-of-six from beyond the arc in Wednesday's loss.

The Spurs had their moments. Kawhi Leonard's dunk sparked a 14-2 run that ended with three-pointers from Danny Green and Gary Neal, which cut the Warriors' lead to seven points, 77-70 in the third.

### Nuggets' Karl named Coach of the Year



NEW YORK (AFP) - George Karl of the Denver Nuggets was named the NBA Coach of the Year on Wednesday, the first time in his 25-year career he claimed the award. Karl piloted the Nuggets to a team-record 57 wins, a league-best 38-3 mark at home and the third seed in the Western Conference. Their post-season was disappointing, however, as they were ousted in six games by the Golden State Warriors in the first round. Karl, who turns 62 on Sunday, captured the Red Auerbach Trophy after receiving 62 first-place votes and earning 404 points to outdistance Miami's Erik Spoelstra (190) and New York's Mike Woodson (127). He became the second Nuggets coach to win the award, after Doug Moe in 1988. Karl is the sixth-winningest coach in NBA history with 1,131 career victories. His streak of 21 consecutive non-losing seasons ties him with Phil Jackson for the longest such run.



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## The Dutch Caribbean Golf Association organizes second Junior Mini Tour Event

-- On the 28th of April 2013 the Dutch Caribbean Golf Association organized the second Junior Mini Tour at the Aruba Golf Club.

### JUNIOR MINI TOUR

This Dutch Caribbean Golf Association Junior Mini Tour is the second of a number of Junior Golf events.

The Junior Mini Tour Program is part of the Committed to Youth Program and is developed for all ages and therefore offers junior golfers, both boys and girls the opportunity to play competitions.

The Junior Mini Tour has 3 age categories 0-12, 13-14, and 15-17 and 3 formats that are aimed to enable the junior



participants to complete with each other on their level in International tournament formats.

The Aruba Golf Club is one of the oldest Golf Clubs in the Dutch Caribbean and with still the authentic sanded oiled greens as common in 1941. The Aruba Golf Club is a challenging Golf Course and the

participants enjoyed playing the Golf course at the *Aruba Golf Club*.

The next Junior Mini Tour will be played at **Divi Links Golf Course on the 26th of May 2013** and is open for registration for those whom are familiar with the game of Golf and those whom are interest to learn more about the game of

Golf.

The winners of the Junior Mini Tour at the Aruba Golf Club where Lucas and Liam Croes (0-12) VJ Luidens, (13-14) Ludson Maduro (15-17)

The participants of the Junior Mini Tour of the age group 12-17 can also take part in the RBC Junior Open Championship.

### RBC JUNIOR OPEN

The Dutch Caribbean Golf Association and RBC are organizing the 1st RBC Junior Open Golf Tournament. The Junior Open will take place in June 29 and 30th of June at Tierra Del Sol. The RBC Junior Open is open for registration to both local as International teams. RBC is the official title sponsor of the RBC Junior Open.

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